

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JOHN H. CHAFEE

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleagues in honoring a distinguished public servant and a revered Member of the United States Senate, Senator John Chafee, who died Sunday evening at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

While John Chafee was elected to the Senate in 1976, his public service began years before when he interrupted his education at Yale University to enlist in the Marine Corps during World War II, serving in the original invasion forces at Guadalcanal. He later returned to complete his education, receiving a bachelors degree from Yale in 1947 and, in 1950, a law degree from Harvard.

In 1951, John Chafee was called again to serve his country, returning to active duty to command a rifle company in Korea. Later, John Chafee served six years in the Rhode Island House of Representatives, where he was elected Minority Leader. He served as Governor of Rhode Island for three terms and in 1969 was appointed Secretary of the Navy.

As a Senator, John Chafee continued his proud legacy of leadership and accomplishment. I worked with Senator Chafee perhaps most closely in the U.S. Senate in his capacity as Chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee where he labored tirelessly on behalf of many critical environmental initiatives, including efforts to strengthen the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Senator Chafee has been recognized for his important contributions in the area of environmental protection throughout his service in the U.S. Senate and has received nearly every major environmental award. He was also a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee where he worked hard to expand health care coverage for women and children and to improve community services for persons with disabilities.

John Chafee was a well-respected member of this body who engendered the affection of every member with whom he served. He had a unique ability to achieve consensus under very difficult circumstances. His unfailing courtesy and civility provided a positive and unifying force in the Congress which will be sorely missed by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

The Senate was a better place because of John Chafee and his devoted public service. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to him and to extend my deepest and heartfelt sympathies to his family.

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I join my colleagues today in mourning the loss of our colleague, John Chafee. John was a good and honorable man who served his state and his country

with distinction. A devoted public servant and member of this body for 23 years, Senator Chafee's influence extended beyond the aisles and transcended partisan rhetoric. His accomplishments as a lawmaker and his unquestionable influence among his peers stand as a testament to his ability.

Senator Chafee will long be admired and remembered for his devotion to this country both as a soldier and public servant. His distinguished service in the military, including serving in the Marines at Guadalcanal and commanding a rifle company in Korea, were indicative of the man who would never shy away from duty or responsibility.

His record as a legislator, governor, and senator in Rhode Island indicate the amount of trust the people of Rhode Island put in John.

Although political views may vary from person to person, it is easy to put these differences aside and to recognize men of strong character and integrity. These are qualities which were abundant in John, and his steadying influence in the United States Senate will be truly missed.

My thoughts and prayers extend to his family and all those whose lives Senator Chafee touched.

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of our friend and colleague, Senator John Chafee.

Senator Chafee was the living embodiment of Senate decorum. He always honored this body through his thoughts, deeds and actions. His ideas and messages were delivered thoughtfully and respectfully. He truly followed his heart and soul while representing the people of Rhode Island and this great nation.

His honorable service in both World War II and the Korean Conflict, as well as his distinguished tenure as Secretary of the Navy, reflect his profound respect for America's armed forces and his deep love of country.

I am especially appreciative for all he did to advance causes near and dear to the state of Florida. He took time to visit the Florida Everglades, and his work on this important issue will ensure the preservation of this unique natural system, and will always be a part of his lasting legacy.

Senator Chafee devoted his life to public service. He will be remembered as a thoughtful and patriotic American who cared passionately about those he served, the issues he fought for, and the institution of the United States Senate. He was not only a fellow Republican, but a colleague who was respected on both sides of the aisle. He will be sorely missed in the U.S. Senate.

My heartfelt sympathies go to his wife Ginny, to their five children and 12 grandchildren, and to his staff here in Washington and throughout Rhode Island.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I extend my sympathies to the family of John Chafee.

It has been my privilege to serve with John Chafee for but 3 of the years of his long and distinguished career in the Senate. But I will miss him. I do miss him.

I want to say publicly how much I appreciate the many times he came up to me and told me how much he appreciated me and how glad he was that I was here.

I thank him publicly for the many times he came to me and talked about environmental issues and told me he had a good environmental bill that he wanted me to be on. Many times, I was on them with him.

I appreciated his looking out for me in that regard, and in so many other ways. It was a great pleasure and a high privilege to serve with him in the Senate.

I wish his wife and his family my very best and pray God's comfort be with them in this time of their bereavement.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 434, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:
A bill (H.R. 434) to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the Senate's consideration of the trade bill, all first-degree amendments must be relevant to the trade bill or the filed amendment No. 2325, and any second-degree amendment be relevant to the first-degree it proposes to amend.

Mr. HOLLINGS. I object.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I object.

Mr. LOTT. I truly regret the objection to a reasonable consideration of this very important pending trade bill. This is obviously a vital piece of trade legislation. As I indicated last week on the floor, this is something in which the President has been very interested. He discussed it with me personally last week on, I think, Tuesday and twice since we have discussed it in telephone conversations. I am not doing it just because the President asked for it. I am doing it because I think it is the right thing to do.

I think it would be good for our country, help to create jobs. This is very carefully crafted legislation that the chairman of the committee and ranking member have worked on. I think it would be just vitally important to our friends in Central America and the Caribbean, as well as a major step symbolically and other ways to have African free trade.

I want to get this bill done. There are legitimate objections to it. The Senator from South Carolina is going to